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DEBATERS SCORE FIRST VICTORY OF THE SEASON

Buff and Blue Defeats Union College in Schenectady Friday, March 21, by a 2-1 Decision

IMMIGRATION LAW QUESTION

Hamilton Speaking and Rebuttal are Admittedly Better than Union's

The Hamilton College debate team scored the first victory of the season Friday evening, March 21, when Union College met defeat at the hands of the Buff and Blue speakers on its own platform by a two to one decision. The debate was held in the Chapel of Union College and was on the question, Resolved, That the present immigration law should be re-enacted. The Hamilton speakers were William G. Lewi, '14, Captain; John W. Walbridge, '26, Noah T. Barnes, '27, and John D. Gregory, '25, alternate. The negative team was composed of Harold Martin, Archibald Wemple, and Leon W. Brown with S. Taylor as alternate. President Alexander Richmond of Union presided. The judges were Professor David T. Clark of Williams College, Professor Ray Palmer Baker of R. P. I., and Headmaster I. F. McCormick of Albany Academy.

Walbridge opened the debate for the affirmative by showing that conditions in the United States did not warrant a change in the law. He emphasized the fact that the types of immigrants now being received are good and should not be excluded.

The negative based their debate on the fact that they desired all immigrants excluded for a time to give the United States a breathing spell from the flux of immigrants entering by previous laws. Martin opened the debate for Union by pointing out that the present law was not fair to either the immigrants or to America. He took issue with Walbridge on the desirability of the type of immigrants now allowed to enter. He asserted that the conditions of foreigners admitted by this law were deplorable and traced these conditions to the law now existing.

Barnes as second affirmative speaker showed that the economic conditions under this law were improved and far from unsatisfactory. His speech was devoted largely to statistics and instances to show that conditions had been improved.

Wemple resumed the Union attack by stating that unemployment and other unsatisfactory economic conditions were due to the present immigration system as brought about by the existing law. He brought out the fact that out of the fourteen million foreign-born in the United States not half of them were naturalized.

Lewi closed the affirmative advance argument by explaining that any defects which might exist in the working-out of the law were due to the lax methods of enforcement rather than any defect in the law itself. His argument was that it was not a case of bad law but of bad enforcement.

The last negative speaker presented a somewhat incoherent argument regarding the deficiency of the law which allowed immigrants to come into the United States after a year's residence in the Western Hemisphere. He stated that as a personal experience he had seen large numbers of immigrants cross the border after a year's residence in Canada who otherwise would have been unable to enter. Inasmuch as the debate was on the question of the existing law, he maintained that the least change to meet such a condition would be an argument in favor of the negative.

The negative based its rebuttal on the question why if this law were so good, Secretary Davis was constantly lamenting the fact that it was impossible to enforce it. Lewi in his rebuttal speech easily met this argument by asserting that Davis was not competent to enforce the law, and that it was a question of the wrong man rather than of the wrong law. The Hamilton speaking and rebuttal were admittedly better than Union's.

DR. WOOD NOW IN PANAMA—HEALTH IS MUCH IMPROVED

Word recently received from Dr. Wood reports him to be thoroughly enjoying his trip. He is staying for a few days with Mr. John Collins at Ancon, Panama, on the Pacific side of the Isthmus. After leaving Ancon, he will go up the coast to California by steamer. The weather is very mild and balmy. Dr. Wood's health is much improved and he is being greatly benefitted by his excursion.

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday

7:30 p. m. Meeting of the Executive Council in Silliman Hall.

7:30 p. m. Meeting of the Latin Club.

Thursday

7:30 p. m. Meeting of the Newman Club at the Rectory.

Friday

8:00 p. m. Debate: St. Lawrence vs Hamilton at Clinton.

Saturday

8:00 p. m. Fencing Meet: Columbia vs Hamilton at Clinton.

Movies in Commons after the meet.

UNDEFEATED COLUMBIA WILL FENCE HERE SAT.

Doubtful Whether Sabre or Epee Team Will Represent Hamilton in Finals—Foil Team May

Next Saturday in the last home meet of the season, the Hamilton fencing team will meet the undefeated swordsmen from Morningside Heights. Columbia will come to the Hill with a clean record in the season's competition, and, claiming the division championship, will fight to keep its slate clean. The Blue and White have an especially formidable record in the foils. Their complete foils team of last year has remained intact and has done brilliant work in every meet.

Columbia defeated Penn decisively by the score of 12 to 2 early in the season, and has defeated the Navy team 9-8 in a close meet. However, in this meet, Columbia took six of the nine foils bouts. Last Saturday at New York, Columbia won a decisive victory over Cornell with a 14-3 score. Cornell was Hamilton's last opponent and was defeated by the Buff and Blue on March 15th 13-4. In this victory the foils team took all nine of their bouts. In Columbia's victory over Cornell, the victorious foils team was forced to defeat in two bouts. Block of Columbia was defeated by both Fletcher and Coleman, both of whom lost all their bouts against the Hamilton team.

Columbia's sabre and duelling sword teams had a similar success against Cornell. The sabres won all of their bouts and the duelling swords lost but one. Captain Bloomer showed up as the outstanding performer in winning his three foil bouts by decisive scores and securing two victories in the epee.

It is doubtful that the sabre or the epee team will represent Hamilton at the finals in the Intercollegiates in New York on April 3 and 4 but the foils team has a record which will admit it to participation in the finals, if it makes a good showing at the Columbia meet. They are anxious to wipe out the 7-2 defeat which they suffered at the hands of Columbia last year at New York. Realizing the importance of the result of the meet, the foilsmen have been having extra workouts under Coach Gelas in preparation for their hard test. The meet will be an exciting contest with some of the leaders in the division competition crossing blades for the first time this season. Bloomer has been undefeated in this division of the League, Fuertes has lost but two bouts, and Packer of Hamilton has lost only one. The rank of these men in the individual competition will stand or fall in this final meet, and for that reason the result of the meet is doubly interesting.

HAMILTON WILL DEBATE ST. LAWRENCE HERE FRIDAY

Question Is to Be on the Entrance of the United States into the World Court—All Veteran Debaters

This Friday evening Hamilton will meet St. Lawrence in an intercollegiate debate in the Chapel at 8 o'clock. The question will be the entrance of the United States into the World Court, and Hamilton will uphold the affirmative of the question. The Hamilton team will consist of George Perrine, '25, Captain, L. A. Wood, '25, R. Briggs, '25, and Kirby, '24, alternate. All of the speakers are members of Delta Sigma Rho and are veteran varsity men.

The St. Lawrence team is also composed of veteran debaters. A. S. Torre, '24, will captain the team. M. C. Tanner, '24, and A. E. Monette, '25, are the other speakers of the team. All of these men spoke last year. They are under the tutelage of three able coaches, two of whom they expect to bring with them.

The judges for the debate as now planned will be George R. Staley, Superintendent of Schools at Rome, Attorney Pratt of Utica and Attorney Chester Dewey, also of Utica.

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G. O. P. CLUB IS NOW AT WORK ON BIG PROGRAM

Plan Membership Drive This Week and a Series of Speeches by Republican Leaders Later in Year

COMMITTEE IS FORMED

May Form Similar Organization Among Republican Alumni

The newly formed Republican Club of Hamilton College has been working hard to complete arrangements for an elaborate program of events for the rest of the term. Prominent among the proposed plans are a membership drive this week and a series of speeches by nationally known Republican leaders later in the year.

An executive committee has been formed consisting of members from each fraternity and the neutral body. The eleven men chosen are Pottle, '24, Bates, '24, Towne, '25, Foley, '25, Braunton, '25, Burroughs, '25, Davies, '25, Thomas, '25, Harding, '25, Walbridge, '26, and D. S. Payne, '26. These men will conduct a drive for members in their respective groups this week. It is hoped that every Republican in college will affiliate himself with the new organization.

In conjunction with the undergraduate Republican association, plans are being made to form a similar organization among the Republican alumni of the college. It is expected that Eihu Root, '64, former President M. W. Stryker, '72, and former United States Senator Joseph I. France, '95, will be honorary chairmen of the alumni society.

The Republican National Committee, which is in charge of the Republican college club movement, has informed the local organization that arrangements are being made for the appearance of several well known Republican speakers on the Hill later in the term. Among the speakers likely to be sent to Hamilton are United State Senator Wadsworth of New York, and Lewis A. Coolidge, National Committeeman from Massachusetts.

The local club is keeping in close touch with the Oneida County Republican Association and hopes to bring out former District Attorney William Ross Lee, '00, to address the club.

If the Democrats in college succeed in forming a club it is very likely that the two groups will try to stir up rivalry in political affairs. A well-supported suggestion has been made that the respective clubs put up candidates for the presidential election and that the entire student body join in a mock election some morning after Chapel. The prospect of an open forum in which members of both clubs will be allowed to discuss political matters seems certain.

COLLEGE CHOIR RECITAL IN UTICA BRINGS PRAISE

Large and Appreciative Audience at Westminster Church is Very Responsive

Last evening at Westminster Church in Utica a large and appreciative audience heard the Hamilton College choir of 43 voices under the direction of Professor Paul A. Fancher render a program of the finest religious music. The selections were sung entirely without accompaniment, a method of singing almost unknown to Utica audiences. Inasmuch as very few choral organizations in this part of the country are doing this kind of singing, including in their programs the works of the old masters, the Utica audience accorded the choir the highest praise.

"Listen to the Lambs," which had its introduction in musical circles there last year by the Ukrainian National Chorus, was one of the features on the program last evening. This number and "Deep River" made up the two negro spirituals on the program. Mrs. Mildred Faulkner Rice, the talented harpist of the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra, received an enthusiastic ovation last evening for her fine rendition of Hahn's Schone Erinnerung, "The Song of the Volga Boatmen", and Brahm's "Waltz, Opus 39, No. 15."

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL NAMES GOLF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Executive Council has appointed a Golf Committee whose purpose is to make the Hamilton golf course of the greatest advantage to the undergraduate body. Among the activities of the committee shall be the running of college tournaments. The committee is composed of Donald Jones, '24, chairman, James B. Burke, '25, and Harold J. Michels, '26.

DEMOCRATS ARE ORGANIZING IN CLUB MOVEMENT

Democratic Clubs in Utica and Clinton Are Interested in Student Movement on Hill

STRONG SUPPORT HERE

Independents and Democrats Have Formed Combination Group in Many Colleges

Simultaneous with the announcement of the Republican Club, rumors are afloat that the Democrats of Hamilton College are organizing to launch a similar movement. Although probably a minority in the college, the Democrats have many strong supporters on the Hill who give promise of putting up strong opposition to their opponents.

As yet the Democratic National Committee has started no regular organization of college clubs, the movement in most universities and colleges being entirely self-initiated. The Democratic Clubs in Utica and Clinton are both interested in the movement among the students at Hamilton and have promised to give their support. Mr. Francis M. Dempsey of Clinton, State Committeeman for the second assembly district, is trying to bring about an affiliation between the proposed club on the Hill and the Clinton Democratic Club.

The Democratic Club will receive the active support of Professors W. H. Squires and M. L. Bonham. Professor Squires declared that there ought to be a Democratic Club at Hamlton College and that he would willingly support it. Professor Squires believes that a minority party is always useful and that a Democratic Club will keep politics more balanced than as if the Republican organization was the only political group on the Hill. In expressing his willingness to help the local Democrats, Professor Bonham said that there would probably be very few Democrats among the student body, but that the club would be a good thing.

In many other colleges there has been a combination between two minority groups, the Independents and the Democrats, the official title of the organization being the Independent Democrat Club. This plan has worked out very successfully, the combining parties being able to meet the Republicans on equal footing in the matter of numbers.

A third plan has been suggested by Professor C. K. Chase, whereby students from both parties would join to form an independent group that would support candidates on the basis of merit, although keeping their party affiliations.

LECTURER HERE APRIL 1

Roy Chapman Andrews

Andrews Will Establish Proof that Ancient Asia is Mother of Life in Europe and America

What promises to be one of the best of the Myers lectures will be delivered on Tuesday, April 1, when Roy Chapman Andrews, famous naturalist, will address students on the subject "American Men of the Dragon Bones." Mr. Chapman has returned to America this winter to give a personal account of the work being carried on by the third Asiatic expedition of the American Museum of Natural History. The expedition began in March 1921 and is to last for five years.

Mr. Andrews has spent his entire life in research work, being particularly interested in prehistoric life. His first expedition, which he led into Alaska in 1908, is the only one which

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A REQUEST

Students are requested by Coach Prettyman to keep off the various athletic fields, the tennis courts, the golf course, etc., until they are thoroughly dry and have been rolled. Much costly damage can be done to them in their present softened state. Announcement will be made later as to when it will be safe to walk on the fields.

TRACK MEN PREPARE FOR SPRING SCHEDULE

Quite Probable that Intercollegiate Indoor Meet in Buffalo Will Not Be Held

Hamilton's track squad is hard at work in preparation for the spring schedule of meets. It is quite probable that the intercollegiate indoor meet which was to have been held at Buffalo early in April and in which it was planned to enter eight or ten men, will not be held. Hamilton had received an invitation and was quite anxious to participate in this indoor meet as a preliminary to the regular season, but it is now rather doubtful if it will be possible to hold the meet.

The outdoor season will begin on April 25 and 26 with the Penn Relays at Philadelphia. A relay team will be entered in the college-class one-mile relay, which the Buff and Blue won last year, and individuals in a few other events. Captain Alec Alison, '24, will probably participate in the sprints.

The schedule of four dual meets opens with Alfred here on May 10. Alfred is a newcomer to the Hamilton track schedule, and little is known about the strength of their team. Last fall they had an excellent cross-country team, whose members should do well in the distances. The next meet will be held with Colgate at Hamilton on Friday, May 16, as a feature of Colgate's Junior Prom. This will probably be the hardest meet on the schedule, as Colgate is certain to have a very strong team. The defeat by Colgate last year was the only track meet the Buff and Blue team has lost in two seasons.

On May 24 the Hamilton team will meet their old rivals, Union, at Schenectady. The loss by graduation of Captain Oram from last year's team will be a severe one for the Garnet team, but strong opposition is expected. Middlebury, who will close the season here on May 31, has not appeared before on Hamilton's schedul,e and no information on their team is available.

The material for the Buff and Blue team this year is good, both in point of veterans from last year's team, and new men. A. Alison and V. Alison, '24, members of last year's championship relay team, will probably be certain of participating in the relay event at the Penn Relays. The other two members of the team are rather uncertain. DeLalla, '26, and Potocki, '24, who ran in the relay race with Colgate last week are promising candidates, but they will be hard pressed by Thomas, '25, who showed up well last year in the quarter-mile, and who was ill at the time of the Colgate meet. Rogers, '25, and Watkins, '25, have also been doing well.

All of these men, except Watkins, will probably be used in the dashes in the dual meets. Bookhout, '27, should also be a valuable man. V. Alison, '24, will also probably enter the 880-yard run. It is possible that Clark, '25, cross-country captain, and a veteran in the two-mile, may be tried out in the mile and 880-yard runs, leaving Watkins, '25, for the two-mile. R. Thompson, '25, who ran the mile event last year will also be used in the distances. Taylor, '26, and Richards, '26, will also probably be used in these events. McMaster, '25, Snyder, '25, and Gardner, '24, members of the cross-country team last fall are also strong candidates.

In the field events Hamilton will probably not have as abundant material. H. Valentine, '25, is the leading man out for the hurdle events. Smith, '27, should also develop into a good hurdler. Michels, '26, and Wyman, '27, seem likely contenders in the pole-vault. J. Valentine, '25, and Nichols, '26, are doing well in the broad jump, while Ireland, '26, and Dold, '27, seem best in the high jump. McGiffin, '24, and Brush, '24, are veterans in the weight events and should materially strengthen the Buff and Blue by a continuation of their former good work.

FOOTBALL RULES ASS'N ENACTS GREAT CHANGES

Meeting in New York City Brings 12 New Rulings—Most of Them Will Speed Up Game

NO TEE IN KICK-OFF

Committee Deals Harshly with Incompleted Forward Pass—Ball not Dead When Stopped by Non-Recipient Player

The annual meeting of the National Collegiate Football Rules Association held last week in New York City, resulted in the enactment of twelve new rulings, some of them bringing radical changes in the game, and most of them the result of a desire to speed up modern football.

The most drastic of the new laws is that which abolishes the use of the mud tee in the kick-off. The committee decided that too much time is spent in setting up the tee, and that its use destroys much of the science of kicking. In future the player will have to kick off with the aid of a man holding the ball.

To off-set the inevitable great reduction in the length and height of the kick, the committee ruled that it shall be made from the offensive team's fifty-yard line, instead of its forty-yard line as before. The teammates of the kicker will advance the extra ten yards with him.

Another important change was made in the procedure after a touchdown. By the new law, the offensive team will assemble on their opponents' three-yard line, instead of the five-yard line. This will be of great advantage to the attackers, as the defense will be much more open to a forward pass or an end run, and, if the offense chooses to kick, there will be less chance of its being blocked by an opposing player.

The committee dealt harshly with the incompleted forward pass in an attempt to check the wholesale gaining of ground which was so prevalent in games last season. Formerly when the pass happened to hit a non-eligible recipient, the ball was at once declared dead, and returned to its starting point, with a down declared against the offense. The new rule states that the ball is not dead when so stopped, and that a defensive player may retrieve it, unless it has hit the ground. He may run it back if he can, and if he is stopped at a point beyond the original starting point the ball is put in play by the offense at that point, and a down is charged against it.

To improve the conditions of time out, the committee changed the penalty for abuse of the privilege from two yards after three time-outs to five yards after four calls. In future, therefore, there will be four time-out periods in each half, and each call after that will cost five yards.

The screen pass, in which the ineligible recipients on the offense line up so as to form a screen between the player making the pass and the defensive player who is about to intercept it, was ruled a foul, and may be stopped by the referee.

The committee also abolished the recovery of the ball after a kick by a player on the same side as the kicker, except after a kick-off or a free kick.

It was decided to make the signal for the end of the game more decided, as in past years there have been several instances when players rushed from the field and spectators upon it when a whistle sounded near the end of the last period. The committee voted that in the future the only whistle on the field should be in possession of the referee, and that the signal to end the game shall be given to the referee by the timer by the discharge of a pistol.

Another action of the committee was to give great powers of decision to the referee, in an attempt to stop stalling. A proposal to strike out the rule abolishing the flying tackle and tackling below the knees was lost.

CHASE IS ELECTED EDITOR OF THE 1926 HAMILTONIAN

As a result of the election held by the Sophomore Class last Saturday morning, John W. Chase was elected editor-in-chief of the 1926 Hamiltonian. This honor comes as a fitting reward to Jack's work on the college publications. He has been a member of the **Life** Board since his freshman year; he is a member of the Press Board, and is also on the staff of the Royal Gaboon. Chase has had newspaper experience both as a college correspondent and as a reporter for the Utica Daily Press.

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Hamilton's Fire Menace.

With cold weather nearing its end and the summer season approaching, the opportunity presents itself to the college authorities to minimize, if not eliminate, an exceedingly serious and constant menace to the students. We refer to the fire hazard as pointed out in a communication which is printed elsewhere in this issue. It is a hazard found in practically all of the college buildings but especially in the dormirtories.

There have been about twenty fires at Hamilton in comparatively recent years. Fortunately they did not involve much damage as far as the college is concerned. These fires alone should have warranted a thorough survey of the situation and the immediate adoption of plans to prevent a real conflagration, the liability of which permanently exists here.

Even without such small fire demonstrations, the record of fire losses in schools generally has been sufficient to prompt the adoption of protective measures.

Statistics compiled by the National Board of Fire Underwriters show the total losses from fire in public schools, boarding school, colleges, convent schools and academies for the years 1916-1920, inclusive, to have been $8,711,332. These losses were from fires that were strictly preventable.

Moreover, in the same class of buildings, the same authority shows that the total losses from partly preventable causes in the same period was $7,681,356, with additional losses totalling $9,909,791 from fires of unknown causes but probably largely preventable.

The grand total of all property losses was $26,302,479.

Also there was much loss of life, the exact figures for which are not readily available but which are included in the annual total of 15,000 lives sacrificed to flames in this country.

The four leading causes of the preventable fires were: (1) stoves, furnaces, boilers, and their pipes; (2) defective chimneys and their flues; (3) matches and smoking; and (4) sparks on roofs. At Hamilton it is very possible that there is little danger from numbers 1, 2 and 4, but number three is a twenty-four hour, daily menace with which the college has had practical experience more than once.

If emphasis must be made of the necessity for greater fire protection, a casual inspection of North College will reveal convincing and even startling evidence. Here we have a four-story structure, housing approximately 50 students, a building far from fire-proof, equipped with two wooden stairways, and totally devoid of fire escapes except for three collapsible, steel-rope ladders, two of which are on the top floor and one on the third floor. These ladders are rolled up in tin boxes and are placed in parts of the building near the wooden stairways which would be the most natural course flames would take. Moreover, students questioned were not even aware of the existence of these ladders. There should be at least a suitable steel-rope ladder or even a rope ladder in every suite of rooms.

Carnegie and South dormitories, though perhaps not so great fire risks as North, also lack fire escapes. Their only protection is one hose on the third floor of both the north and south sections of the dormitories. A fire might easily break out in one of the lower floors and be entirely out of reach of that hose. There should be fire hose on every floor of both dormitories.

Furthermore, there isn't a single safety net in the possession of the college, nor are frequent, regular inspections of such fire-fighting apparatus as is available, made. Such inspections as have been prompted mostly by curiosity have revealed such startling conditions as rotten fire hose, inaccessible fire apparatus, misplacement of appliances, and defects in apparatus which were revealed forcibly at the time of the barn fire two years ago.

True, the fire underwriters do make an occasional investigation here, but they are not concerned with the possibility of loss of life. They look after such things as defective wiring.

Some time ago the Wisconsin Industrial Commission pointed out that there are only two classes of buildings where attendance is involuntary—schools and jails. While attendance at Hamilton College is not necessarily involuntary, use of the housing facilities available to the students is practically compulsory, and for this reason makes more weightly the obligation of the college authorities to wipe out its fire menace.

A. D. L.

TWENTY ATTEND ANNUAL D. T. BANQUET IN HOTEL MAJESTIC

The twenty members of the D. T. Club who attended the annual banquet given by that organization in the Hotel Majestic Monday night, March 17, report it as one of the most jovial in recent years. Brent Orcutt acted as toastmaster. Those who saw Brent play the much-talked-of part of the "little baby" in the D. T. show last spring say that he hasn't lost any of the characteristics that go to make up a good toastmaster. In fact, his speech was described as a "Wow."

One or two of the older D. T.'s recalled the days of old when the D. T. banquet was put on in "regular" style. Since those good old days, they bemoaned the fact that things aren't quite as they used to be, but expressed the general belief that D. T. had taken on a new and far better tone since. The idea also was brought forward that D. T. meant far more than many other college organizations because of the comparatively long tradition behind it. Now with the tone of a real sophomore honorary society, membership in which was to be esteemed a real privilege, it was remarked that D. T. in the past few years had established itself in such a form that nothing could quite equal it.

Other speakers included: Wallace B. Johnson, '15, field secretary of the college, Jack Chase, '26, president of the active chapter of D. T., L. Danforth Bates, '24, Jack Hatch, '25, Donald Jones, '24, Joel Squier, '26, Frank Robson, '26, and George Morehouse, ex-'23.

FACULTY MEMBERS PREPARE TO MOVE INTO NEW HOUSES

Five of the new faculty houses will be ready for occupancy within the very near future and those who will live in them anxiously look them over very other day or so to see how things are coming along, and to wonder how best the furniture can be arranged in its new environment. Professor and Mrs. Carruth took possession of their new home about a week ago, and so have been acclaimed the pioneers in this spring migration. Professor Hauch says that if all goes well, Mrs. Hauch and he expect to complete their preparations for moving the first week in April, when they will go into their newly built home. The houses for Professor and Mrs. Rudd, Professor and Mrs. Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. Gelas, and Mr. and Mrs. Prettyman will not be ready for occupancy until about the middle of April. All are anxious to move in.

The new faculty houses are well appearing architecturally and when given their final coat of paint, will be painted a shade of cream and white after the fashion of the Root home. If for some reason or other, the occupants find they don't like this similiarity of color in their houses, it has been said that they may change the color combination at some later date to suit their own tastes better. Members of the faculty who intend to occupy the new houses say that they offer every indication of comfort and coziness.

—A daugther, Sallie, was born on February 27th to Mr. and Mrs. John Van Norden of 44 W. 10th St., New York.

Carpe Diem

The Psi U's are having two extra trunk lines installed so that Fossy won't have his "after every meal" conversation with Western Union interrupted by the cruel cries of the brothers.

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The latest addition to the list of the college honorary affairs is the Society for the Prevention of the Use of a Belt. One moment, please, reader, not so hasty with your immodest conclusions. There is an alternative—Suspenders. Bates and Pottle are charter members. Dapper Dan says he always did dislike obstructions around the waist, and Bud, with his characteristic liberal-mindedness tells us that college is a place where one should develop as much as possible and he fully believes in—well, Carpe Diem. Besides Bud says "Did you ever notice that the really big lawyers usually have big stomachs? Suspenders is the answer. That's why I'm wearing them. They've made me what I am today."

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The Chi Psi's sent Big John as Envoy Plenipotentiary around to Bill Baer the other day with the notice that unless they could have entire control of the Royal Gaboon next year, the entire staff of Johnson, Robinson, Toaz, Hatch, Pope, Button—not to mention the whole Freshman delegation now assing for assistant ass-managers, would immediately strike and cause Gaboon to join Lit with the other immortals. Unless Bill concedes we're likely to have another publication—The Awful Phi's Cheap Psi.

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Cal Albertson and Hank Betts have joined the Radio Bugs. The former has been unable to get Boston and has made up his mind to take the thing back to Mike and tell him it's no good. Hank is still undecided whether it was Borneo or Calcutta he got the other night.

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Vail represents the perseverent element in college. He is now striving to become a five-letter man by way of the pole vault.

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Well, folks, the golf season is now only two short weeks away. Gigy has been seen stealing stealthily, slyly, slowly, but surely over to the Gym every night at just 12, where he indulges in an hour's patient practice. Bart slipped us the dope that he's out for the faculty cup. Super is to bring out a radiographic golf ball detector this spring which is guaranteed to eliminate all unnecessary poking around under bushes. It detects the elusive ball like a hound on the hunt.

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Speaking of the faculty, we must not fail to publish like our worthy contemporary "All the News that's Fit to Print." Here it is:

Clinton, N. Y., Mar. 25—Playing against a heavily financed house, Prof. Hambone won the Faculty sweeptakes in the annual Amateur Open Crap Shooting contest here last night. The game started shortly after 4:30 yesterday afternoon and continued until 7:45 this morning. F. X. Patton, the well-known wizard at the dice, was runner-up in the elimination series, but a final imploring and plaintive plea: "Come, you forty-three, baby needs a new pair of shoes" was not to be denied. As if by Divine Providence, the prayer was answered and Prof. Hambone, who had previously been forced to borrow Dr. Super's bathrobe, walked away with the entire pot. Besides the cash, which amounts to several hundred dollars, he is in possession of I. O. U. orders for six brief cases, three 34 x 4 tires, 25 fountain pens, 19 Elgin watches, one cane, one pair of ribboned nose pincers, one pair nickel lorgnettes, and numerous other accessories.

One of the features of the tournament was the heated dispute early in the game between Dr. Bull Durham and Joe Ibbotson. The latter tried to make payment in German marks, which the former refused to accept.

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Incidentally we have it authoritatively that Prof. Patton is casually suggesting that now is the time to buy German marks if ever, since they can't get any lower, and they may be redeemed some time or other. The dope is that he and Bibs got stuck with some which they are now trying to get rid of.

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CHI BETA SIGMA HOLDS INSTALLATION CEREMONIES

Chi Beta Sigma held its installation ceremonies and first official meeting last Tuesday, March 18. The installation of the fraternity took place at Hotel Martin at 6 o'clock, and was followed by a banquet at 8. The principal speakers of the evening were Dr. Hauch and Field Secretary Wallace Johnson, '15. "Wallie" brought the official congratulations of Psi Upsilon and the unofficial good wishes of the members of the faculty. Neal McHargue acted as toastmaster. The undergraduate speakers were Goslee, Packer, Gualtieri and Gifford.

Although the crowd has had a semi-official organization, its official career begins with the evening of March 18. The members joined together into a fraternity on December 18, 1924, and since then the crowd has had an active college life. In the list of fraternity averages recently published, covering the first term of this year, Chi Beta Sigma stood second on the list, standing less than thirty one-hundredths below first place.

The badge is composed of the three letters Chi, Beta, and Sigma in gold, the latter two superimposed on the Chi. The Beta and Sigma are set with half-pearls, the former having eleven, the latter nine. The Chi is engraved with scrolls.

The members in college at the present time are H. Reginald Goslee, Neal E. McHargue, Leslie L. Roemer, '24; Roger H. Briggs, Arthur T. Foley, John T. Griffiths, John P. Gualtieri, Wilfred T. Packer, Richard J. Ralph, Owen A. Roberts, Malcolm E. Gifford, and John M. Yeckel, '25; Willoughby F. Brazeau, Joseph L. Katz, and Harvey G. Young, '26; T. Walter Donohue, James P. Foley, Ervin Fletcher and Lynn A. Phillips, '27.

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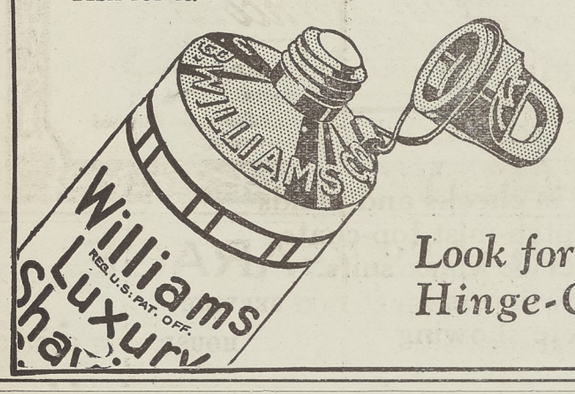

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A COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of **Hamilton Life**:

A recent little fire in North College has again brought to my mind a question of considerable standing—that of proper fire protection. It is a question that has been discussed in chapel time and again, and one that has been on practically every one's lips at one time or another, but one which as yet has not received the attention of the proper authorities. At least it has not been remedied to any great nor visible extent. The fact is that apparently there is inadequate protection, and the question is "What is being done about it?"

After the Sigma Phi House was burned to the ground in 1915 a wave of fire preparedness swept over Hamilton College. Up to this time very little had been done for protection against fire. The college immediately bought a portable chemical wagon and several lengths of hose. Then the students organized themselves into a volunteer fire department and had regular drills in order that they might become proficient in the art of fire fighting. However, that was seven years ago and since then all interest has dwindled, until today the conditions are deplorable.

A good example of what might happen in case of a fire can be taken from an incident of the burning of a small barn on college property two years ago. When the fire was first noticed several of the upperclassmen rushed for the fire apparatus stored in the basement of Knox Hall. The chemical was the first to be put into action, but its contents were so weak and old that they had very little effect on the fire. As soon as it seemed to be under control it would break out more fiercely in another part of the building.

During this time another group of fellows were coupling the hose together and fastening it to a hydrant. This was done in fairly short order, but when they tried to turn on the water, no wrench could be found with which to open the hydrant. After about ten minutes' search a wrench was found nd the water was turned on full force. Then everything seemed to be going well, until all of a sudden the hose burst in three places and all the water escaped before getting to the nozzle. As a consequence the barn was burned to the ground.

Again to cite the case of the Sig House fire, I would like to recall the fact that that structure was semi-fireproof and safer than either Carnegie or South, but those who saw the fire say the building melted as if it had been made of cheese.

What chance would we have of saving North College if it should catch on fire? Or, what chance would those living on its top floor have of saving their lives if such a fire started in the basement? The answer is obvious. North would burn like kindling wood and by the time our meager fire equipment was put into action, it would not have the slightest effect in extinguishing the blaze; those living there would be imprisoned with the choice of burning to death or risking their lives in a sixty-foot jump.

Will we need a fire such as I have suggested, in which both lives and property are lost, to wake us up or shall we try "locking the barn door before the horse is stolen"? J. I. F.

FIRST FORMS OF YEAR BOOK ON PRESS, SAY PRINTERS

Now Seems Likely that the Number of Books Ordered Will not Equal the Demand

Word just received from the printers of the 1925 Hamiltonian says that the first forms of the book already are on the press and being printed. Final proofs on the whole book with the exception of the advertising section were corrected and returned last week. Advertising proofs arrived late last week. This means that all corrected proofs for the complete book will be in the printer's hands within a day or so, and that it is now a matter of time while the book is being printed and bound.

Although the final copy was purposely held up three days after contract time in order to include complete accounts of the basketball and hockey seasons, the editor believes that any delay that may be occasioned in receiving the books will not be minded for this reason. If everything goes as planned, the books should be ready for distribution by the first of May, or at least by spring house party time.

Already there has been an unprecedented sale, more than 200 students having subscribed and paid for them. Whether the supply will be equal to the demand is a question that has arisen as a result of the present sales.

First of all, of course, the board desires to supply the demand of the students for the books. But it now seems very likely that all students who want books and especially those who may want more than one copy may be disappointed by reason of the fact that several fraternities are planning to subscribe for extra copies with a view toward sending them to other chapters and to their alumni who are especially interested in Hamilton. Of course, those persons who have signed the subscription check will receive first attention, but if the increased demand for books is such that it cannot be met, others who now plan to subscribe later may be disappointed.

Proofs of the 1925 Hamiltonian that have been received to date have met with widespread approval of all those who have seen them. The book promises to be a very artistic creation and one that contains many excellent features and photographs.

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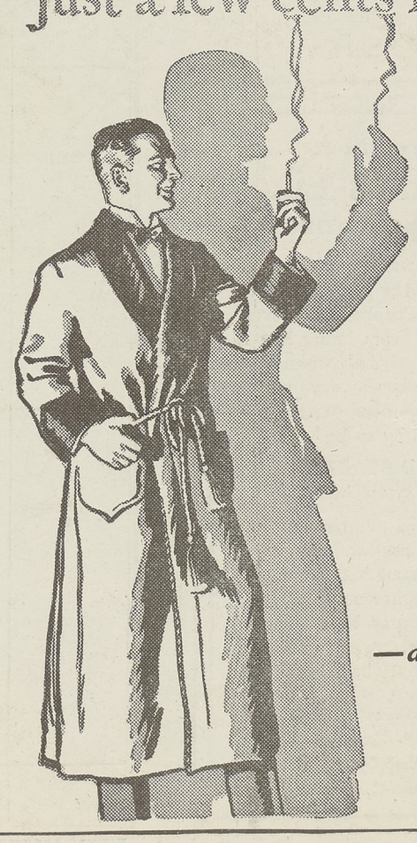

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BASEBALL SQUAD GETS POINTERS FROM McBRIDE

Difficulty Found in Developing Pitching Staff—Marks, Nicholson and Ed Martin Show Up Well

Indoor baseball practice has been limited to fielding, base-running, bunting, and battery practice. Assistant Coach McBride has had complete charge of practice thus far and every afternoon the squad has been working out under him receiving instruction in the fundamentals of the game.

Last year's letter men, Captain Gifford, Meehan, Pottle, Hatch, Morris and Courteau are reporting for practice with a squad of about 18 men who were on last year's squad. Williams, Griffiths, '25, Nicholson, Brush, Ricketts, Payne, and Depfer, '26, are contesting for positions this year.

Considerable difficulty is being found in developing the pitching staff. Captain Gifford can be depended on to repeat his fine performances of last year but it would be difficult to pick his assistants on the mound. Marks, '24, and Nicholson and Ed Martin, '26, are showing up well in this department and from this group will be picked the season's hurlers.

18 Frosh Report

About eighteen men have reported for the freshman baseball team at indoor practice. There is plenty of infield material but outfielders are scarce. McLean, King, and Howk appear to be promising infield men. All three are fast and clean in fielding the ball.

The pitching staff shows no dearth of candidates. The moundsmen are all showing up well. There are a large number of candidates for the hurling work, among whom the oustanding men are Sarcka, Gillespie, Springman, Bald and Donahue. Bald is a left-hander showing good control and a fast ball.

Olmstead leads the candidates for the position of backstop. He is fast, receives the ball with ease and has a fast and accurate return.

The freshman schedule is tentative as yet with games with other freshman teams, Little Falls High School, St. John's Military Academy, Nicholas School, and the New Hartford High School team which is coached by Jim Davis, '22, former captain of the Buff and Blue.

JAMES H. MERWIN, '99, DIES

James H. Merwin, '99, son of the late Supreme Court Justice Milton H. Merwin, died last Saturday night of pneumonia at his home in Utica. Mr. Merwin was born in Utica, Dec. 17, 1877. After being graduated from the Utica Free Academy in 1895, he entered Hamilton College, from which he graduated in 1899. He was a member of the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity, in which he was actively interested until the time of his death. In 1902 he was graduated from Columbia Law School. From then on he enjoyed a successful career in Utica as a lawyer.

In 1896 he marreid Miss Mabel Metcalf of Clinton, who survives him. He leaves a brother, the Rev. Milton Merwin, and three sisters, Mrs. Kate Merwin Eells, Miss Mary Merwin, and Mrs. Helen M. Burrill, all of Utica.

WARM WEATHER HALTS INTERFRATERNITY HOCKEY

After four interfraternity hockey games had been played last week, the warm weather prevented the completion of the tournament. On Tuesday the Chi Psis defeated the Sigma Phis 5 to 1, and the D. U. and Theta Delta Chi game resulted in a scoreless tie. On Wednesday, the Psi U's beat the Lambda Xi Sigmas 10 to 1, and the Lambda Chi Alphas defeated the Chi Beta Sigmas 3 to 0.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HOLDS MEETING WEDNESDAY NIGHT

A meeting of the Executive Council will be held on Wednesday night, March 26, at 7:30, in Silliman Hall. At this time, in addition to the usual managers' reports, future schedules will be presented for approval, and elections will be held for the assistant managerships of hockey, basketball, Charlatans, and the Musical Clubs. In the absence of Dr. Wood, Dean Saunders will preside.

SATURDAY MOVIES WILL BE "ETERNAL THREE"

Next Saturday night the Y. M. C. A. will present the Goldwyn-Cosmopolitan production, "The Eternal Three," featuring Hobart Bosworth, Claire Windsor, Raymond Griffith, Bessie Love, and other popular screen actors. "The Eternal Three" is unique in that it has a prologue in which the production is dedicated by Marshall Neilan, its author and director, to the physician.

Alpha Delta Phi has postponed the tea dance originally planned for this Saturday afternoon, out of respect for the death of James H. Merwin, '99, who was very actively connected with the Hamilton Chapter.

ARTHUR S. HOYT, D.D., '72, COLLEGE TRUSTEE, DIES

Arthur Stephen Hoyt, D.D., '72, one of Hamilton's most influential alumni, died at Auburn on March 16. Dr. Hoyt, who had been a professor in Auburn Theological Seminary since 1891, was a noted leader in the Presbyterian Church and a signer of the recent liberal statement of the clergy of that church. Dr. Hoyt was a member of the Board of Trustees of Hamilton College. He was elected to the board in 1912 and re-elected in 1921. His term would have expired in 1928. Dr. Hoyt received an A.B. at Hamilton in 1872, an A.M. in 1875, and a B.D. at Auburn Theological Seminary in 1878. In 1892 he was created a Doctor of Divinity. A member of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity and of Phi Beta Kappa, his college career was marked by success in whatever he undertook. He was awarded first prize in Essay, Classics and Oratory (Clark Prize), also second prize in Mathematics and Physics and a prize in declamation. He was distinguished as a baseball player and was Valedictorian of his class.

In May 1916, during the 98th commencement exercises at Auburn, Dr. Hoyt observed the 25th anniversary of his occupancy of the chair in the seminary.

COLLEGE WITS NUMBER OF JUDGE ATTRACTS ATTENTION

The annual College Wits number of the national humorous publication, "Judge," is attracting attention from Hamilton men again this year. The contest has been won by Cornell for the past two or three years. Two years ago Hamilton placed tenth, and this year it is hoped that an even better showing may be made.

Any poem, story, joke, or drawing of the type usually printed in college humorous publications is acceptable, providing is has not previously been published. This would exclude all material which has previously appeared in the Royal Gaboon. The various colleges are then rated on the basis of the amount of material accepted.

Material should be sent directly to the Editor of Judge, Norman Anthony, 626 W. 43rd St., New York, before April 10.

MOVIE NUMBER OF GABOON WILL APPEAR THIS WEEK

The Movie Number of the Royal Gaboon will make its appearance on the Hill the latter part of this week. This issue, which contains some excellent parodies and clever drawings, burlesques everything connected with the movies. It contains reviews of photoplays, questions and answers, interviews with famous movie stars, and other features of the type that appear in the film magazines. The cover is by H. B. Lent, '24, art editor, and among the contributors are G. B. Snyder, '25, J. K. Hutchens, '26, P. R. Taylor, '26, F. A. Jones, '27, P. C. Sayres, '27, and M. M. Wylie, '27. The next issue of the Gaboon will appear at Spring House Party. Copy will be due before Easter vacation.

LECTURER HERE APRIL 1ST

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